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Application No. 10/822,507

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submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s) relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120 in which copies of the references were previously furnished are set out below:

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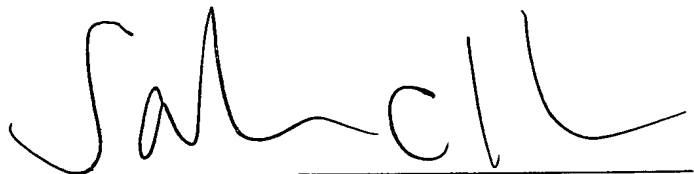
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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* A concise statement of relevance is being submitted in lieu of a translation. 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3).

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